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### John Kean to Susan Kean, April 11, 1788

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April 11.<sup>th</sup> 1788

Very fine doings indeed - there is a part of  
your little letter that has just struck me -  
so you take the advantage of my absence  
and indulge yourself with a young gentleman  
and are so shameless as to send me word that you  
admit him to bed to you - very well - I  
suppose you think I shall not be jealous of  
you - but remember I won't allow any young  
gentleman to possess above one half of your  
heart - this proves what is generally said of  
your sex that they always prefer youth to  
age - but notwithstanding all this badinage  
I wish I had this 11.<sup>th</sup> of April a certificate  
under your hand containing only these few  
words - Your Susan is perfectly recovered from  
every danger attendant on her late situation -



nothing now runs in my head but damp  
rooms, catching colds, eating improper things  
& ca. apropos if your health is not perfect  
do not run any kind of risque by giving  
my breasts to your young gentleman but get  
a nurse for him - it is true I think every  
mother ought to nourish their own children  
but some endanger themselves by so doing, this  
I insist you must not do & if your mama or  
Mr. R. mention a nurse to you I join my  
entreaty to theirs that you get one -

Our courts are at an end and the  
gentlemen of the Bar are returning to  
Charleston. - I embrace the opportunity  
of our acquaintance Read to forward  
these to my beloved -

Miss Van Horne is to take wing



for New York in May - I have heard of  
no matrimonial scheme for her in this  
country - I wish it could be so contrived  
as that Betsy Bayard might go with  
her -

This day it is said Blesses & P with  
the possession of all the beauties and charms  
of the accomplished miss Laurens - the  
Lord have mercy upon her -

I have sent you letters for your  
Father Brother & Sister - the obligations  
I am under to them all is very great -

Doct<sup>r</sup> Bard also wrote me and as I  
don't know where you may be I now take  
the liberty of inclosing my letters to him  
for you -



Mantel has sent me the News  
papers with the Federalist - I am glad  
to hear your State will do what is right  
there is a strong party forming among us  
against it - but we shall defeat them -

This day commences our election for  
members of the convention to meet the 12<sup>th</sup>  
May in Charleston -

My love to all the Family -  
kiss Eliza and the boy -

Adieu my love

Take care of yourself for your  
affectionate husband John Kean